

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5, 12, 16, and 22 by rewriting same to read as follows and cancel claims 11, 15, 21, and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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--5. (Thrice Amended) A multi-channel audio system comprising:

an electronic apparatus provided with at least four audio signal output terminals for a plurality of channels;

a plurality of speakers for generating acoustic output for each of said plurality of channels in a form of audio signals output from said audio signal output terminals; and

C/ a plurality of connecting cable members, each of said plurality of connecting cable members incorporating a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities and sheathed by one of a plurality of insulating sheathing members for connecting said electronic apparatus to said plurality of speakers, wherein

each of said audio signal output terminals is arranged corresponding to positions of said plurality of speakers, said plurality of speakers being arranged corresponding to said plurality of channels, wherein

each of said audio signal output terminals is distinguished by one of a plurality of colors for enabling each of said plurality of channels to be discernible; and

each of said plurality of connecting cable members is

distinguished by one of said plurality of colors corresponding to a color distribution of said audio signal output terminals, [and] wherein

said distinction of each of said plurality of connecting cable members is implemented by a plurality of thermally contractile tubes each bearing a different color secured to each of said plurality of connecting cable members, and wherein

one end of said connecting cable member has a plug connector structure fitted with said pair of conductor members in the form of a pair of coupling holes respectively connected to two conductor portions;

e/ said audio signal output terminals conform to a socket connector structure coupled with said plug connector member;

said socket connector has a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities and position-controlling means for matching said polarities when an other of said plug connectors is coupled with said socket connector;

wherein said pair of coupling holes are to be coupled with said two connecting pins and said plug connector includes a position-controlling means coupling portion to be coupled with said position-controlling means of said socket connector for matching said polarities; and

said color for distinguishing said individual connecting cable members corresponds to a color provided for said plug connector.

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c2 --12. (Twice Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 5, wherein said plug connector member is secured to both ends of each of said plurality of connecting cable members said socket connector is secured to each of said plurality of speaker terminals.

--16. (Thrice Amended) A multi-channel audio system comprising:

an electronic apparatus having a plurality of audio signal output terminals compatible with at least four of a plurality of channels;

c3 a plurality of speakers for generating acoustic output for each of said plurality of channels in the form of an audio signal output from each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals; and

a plurality of connecting cable members each having a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities, and each of said plurality of connecting cable members are individually sheathed with an insulating sheathing member and are used for connecting said electronic apparatus and said plurality of speakers, wherein

said audio signal output terminals corresponding to said plurality of channels provided for said electronic apparatus are individually distinguished by associating each of said plurality of channels with a color to visually discern individual

channels; and

said plurality of connecting cable members is provided with a specific color corresponding to said colors provided for each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals for visual discernment of individual channels, wherein

said distinguishing of each of said plurality of connecting cable members is performed using a plurality of thermally contractile tubes each bearing a different color and secured to each of said plurality of connecting cable members, wherein

C3 one end of each of said plurality of connecting cable members has a first connector structure fitted with a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities each connected to two conductor portions;

each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals conforms to a second connector structure and is coupled with said first connector member;

said first connector member has position-controlling means for matching said polarities when coupled with an other of said second connector members;

another of said second connector members has a pair of coupling holes coupled with said pair of connecting pins and a position-controlling-means coupling portion coupled with said position-controlling means of said first connector member for matching said polarities; and

said color for distinguishing said individual

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connecting cable members corresponds to said color provided for said first connector member.

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--22. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 16, wherein said first connector member is secured to both ends of each of said plurality of connecting cable members and said second connector member is secured to each of said plurality of speaker terminals.

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